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Selectmen's Minutes 02-25-2008

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, February 25, 2008

7:15 p.m.

Present: Ms. LaCourt, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, and Ms. Rowe.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mr. Greeley.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)

- a. Minutes of Meeting: February 11, 2008
- b. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 4/26/08
 Peter Ward, Regent Theatre
- c. Request: One Day All Alcohol License, 4/4/08
 Lisa Simmons, Arlington Catholic
- d. Appointments:
 New Election Workers
 Colin Campbell, 23 Morton St.
 MaryLou Crowley, 286 Ridge St.
 Regina Deshler, 4 Winslow St.
 Margaret Dhimos, 6 River St.
 Elsie Fiore, 58 Mott St.
 Claudia Hughes, 20 Webster St.
 Frank MacDonald, 37 Drake Rd. #620
 Dorothy Morine, 72 Park Ave. Ext.
 Julia Morrison, 8 Summer St.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to the changes in the minutes.

SO VOTED (4-0)

2. Discussion: Senior Volunteers

William Murphy, Supervisor of Volunteers, Council on Aging (COA)

Mr. Murphy reported that in 2007 the COA utilized about 85 volunteers that worked over 8,000 volunteer hours saving the Town over \$115,000. Mr. Murphy summarized the work of volunteers as helping the COA survive, but not thrive, and hopes awareness of senior needs and the programs offered will continue to grow.

The Selectmen unanimously thanked Mr. Murphy and all Council on Aging volunteers for their hard work.

3. Presentation: Fuel Assistance Donation

Christine Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services

Gene Lucarelli, Calvary Methodist Church

Jack Bowler, St. Vincent de Paul Society

Harry Allen, Arlmont Fuel

Ms. Connolly stressed the need for continued fuel assistance for the Town's people that are in need and announced the following donations:

- \$10,000. donated by the Calvary Methodist Church
 - \$5,000. donated by the Vincent de Paul Society of St. Agnes Church
 - reduced fuel rate from Arlmont Fuel
 Ms. Connolly also asked for all other donations to be sent to:
 Board of Health/Human Services
 27 Maple Street
 Arlington, MA 02476

The kick off campaign to raise more money went well with the senior volunteers helping with the mailing and donations are coming in from residents and businesses.

The Selectmen thanked all involved, both volunteers and contributors.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7:30 PM Public Hearing

4. New All Alcohol Club License: Winchester Country Club

Paul Lazar, Club Manager

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. Rowe left the meeting at this point.

5. Proclamation: Arlington Friends of the Drama

March 9th, 2008 proclaimed to be Arlington Friends Of The Drama Day

Brian Rehrig

Ms. LaCourt read the proclamation.

Marsha Williams, Vice President of Arlington Friends of the Drama, announced that they celebrated their 85th season and future productions/ticket info can be found on their web site: www.afdtheatre.org

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

6. Resolution: Robert Pinsky, Poet Laureate

February 27, 2008 declared to be Poet Laureate for the Day

Annie LaCourt

Ms. LaCourt read the proclamation.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Mrs. Mahon requested that this be a yearly event.

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

7. Appointment: Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Jeffrey Roth

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-0)

8. Reappointments

CDBG Funding Review Sub-Committee

Mr. Hurd, Selectmen

Mrs. Mahon, Selectmen

Mrs. Mahon moved to appoint Mr. Hurd and Ms. LaCourt to the sub-committee.

SO VOTED (3-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

9. Request: Farmers' Market

Patsy Kraemer

Mr. Oakes Plimpton reported that the past year was the most successful yet.

Mrs. Kraemer explained she would be managing the Farmers' Market and would abide by the requirements of the inspection groups.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to conditions set forth.

SO VOTED (3-0)

All of the Selectmen expressed thanks to Mr. Plimpton for starting and managing the market. They all expressed that the

Menotomy Manor program was an excellent use of the left over market produce and would like it to continue.

10. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

This matter was presented for consideration of the Board.

Tara Diab requested that the Board sponsor a warrant article for a Home Rule Petition for eligibility for the Arlington Police Department due to her age exceeding 32 years. The Selectmen agreed to discuss this at the same time as the other Home Rules during the Warrant Hearings, later in this meeting.

Ms. Rowe returned to the meeting at this point.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

11. **Request: On Street Overnight Parking**

Stanley and Claudia Edwards, 1063-1065 Massachusetts
(tabled from 1/28/08 and 2/11/08 meetings)

Mrs. Mahon moved to deny the permit request and refer alternatives. SO VOTED (4-0)

Alternatives include:

- Contact the building owner of the A&A block to make arrangements
- Contact Brattle Realty Management to make arrangements
- Contact Lombard Realty to make arrangements
- Contact the Old Colony condominiums beside Mirak to make arrangements
- Go to the Treasurer's Office to purchase an overnight permit for the Ottoson Middle School lot-\$365 for the year.

12. **WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS**

Article 17 Bylaw Amendment/Title I, Article 1, Sec. 2
(tabled from 2/11/08 meeting-formerly Article 5)

Mrs. Mahon made a motion to amend the policy and procedure per Mr. Maher's language to compromise on this article.
SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Maher stated that if the Town Meeting Procedure Committee feels different in the majority it could be re-discussed at a future Warrant Hearing Meeting.

Article 21 Revise Permanent Town Building Committee Membership
(tabled from 2/11/08 meeting-formerly Article 9)

After much discussion between Mr. Cole, PTBC Chair, the Selectmen, and Mr. Maher it was decided it was necessary for further discussion and research. Mr. Maher and Mr. Sullivan will meet with John Cole for further discussion.

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until further conversation on splitting up the workload for the PTBC; Town projects versus School renovations. This is to ensure the School Building Assistance Program criteria are all met while not creating a quorum problem for the PTBC.
SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 22 Bylaw Amendment/Alcoholic Beverages

Mr. Hurd moved no action. SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 23 Bylaw Amendment/Entertainment

Mr. Hurd moved no action. SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 24 Bylaw Amendment/Noise Abatement

Mrs. Mahon moved to table until the next meeting on 3/3/08 and also get a recommendation from the Noise Abatement Study Committee. SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. Leary requested that the leaf blower article not be tied to this article.

Article 25 Bylaw Amendment/Leaf Blower Regulations

Mr. Hurd moved to table until the next meeting on 3/3/08. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Maher will contact Brookline and Cambridge for their bylaws on noise.

Article 26 Bylaw Amendment/Sidewalk, Curb And School Route Snow Removal

Mr. Stephen Harrington presented a report on the problems, the proposal, and the costs associated with this warrant article request. After much discussion, the Selectmen thanked Mr. Harrington for the detailed report, agreed the snow removal needs to be addressed and decided it was necessary for further discussion and research. Mr. Maher cautioned the Board that if this article were approved, Capital Planning would be by passed as part of the process.

Mr. Hurd moved to table until a future meeting but asks that the Board supports an increase the current sidewalk support after initial snow plowing. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Sullivan agreed to look into other community operations for sidewalks/curb cuts including operating and capital costs.

Article 27 Bylaw Amendment/Title I, Article 18

Mr. Maher recommended to the Board that although this is well intended, it would be impossible to enact/implement. Mr. Maher suggested instead of pursuing through a warrant article, Boards and Committees should be encouraged to notify abutters on big items that affect Town property.

Mrs. Mahon made a motion that the Board approves a warrant article for notification to adjacent abutters when voting on major capital improvements to Town owned land, excluding normal maintenance and other issues related thereto. Mr.

Maher will come back to the Board with language to be approved. SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 28 Bylaw Amendment/Canine Control

Mr. Hurd moved to table until the next meeting 3/3/08. SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 29 Bylaw Amendment/Dogs Menotomy Rocks Park

After much citizen and Board discussion for the pros and cons of both sides, the Selectmen agreed that other measures should be taken first such as:

- increase enforcement and fine ticketing
- look at fine fees to see if they are appropriate
- continue green dog discussion/research
- have a public meeting before town Meeting begins to discuss dog ownership and parks.

Mr. Hurd moved no action. SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 34 Home Rule Legislation/Request for Legislation/All Alcohol License

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Article 35 Home Rule Legislation/Matthew Silva

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (3-1)

Ms. LaCourt voted in the negative.

Article 36 Home Rule Legislation/Thomas Wesley

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (3-1)

Ms. LaCourt voted in the negative.

Article 37 Home Rule Legislation/James Carnell

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (3-1)

Ms. LaCourt voted in the negative.

Article 38 Home Rule Legislation/Matthew Earley

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (3-1)

Ms. LaCourt voted in the negative.

Article 39 Home Rule Legislation/Robert Griffin

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-1)

Ms. LaCourt voted in the negative.

Article (40) Home Rule Legislation/Tara Diab

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (3-1)

Ms. LaCourt voted in the negative.

Correspondence Received

Laurie Burt Municipal Sustainability Grant Award Be Rec'd
DEP

Richard Saltzburg 15-17 Egerton Road: examination code violations Be Rec'd

Tara R. Diab Home Rule Petition-eligibility for Police Dept. Be Rec'd

Mrs. Mahon referred the Egerton Road correspondence to Mr. Maher for action.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan announced that the new Web QA system was implemented today, offering the Town and the residents a good complaint tracking system mechanism to utilize for problems.

Ms. Rowe announced that the State approved the \$15,000 Fund for Arlington water bodies.

Ms. Rowe reported that the ARB has hired a design person to help with the Broadway Plaza.

Ms. Rowe reported that a Water Street business owner commended and thanked Officer Ken Hughes for the timely handling of graffiti.

Mrs. Mahon thanked Rep. Kaufman, Brian Sullivan, and George Laite for setting up a final meeting with the Mass. Highway Department on April 16th, regarding the Summer Street project; all legislatures are to be invited.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 11:02 PM.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Next meeting of BOS (Warrant Articles Only) March 3, 2008.

Next meeting of BOS (Regular Business) March 10, 2008.

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan